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NOME SUBDISTRICT SUBSISTENCE GILLNET FISHING OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

In Nome Subdistrict subsistence salmon set gillnet fishing is allowed in fresh water subsistence areas seven days a week effective September 1. The fresh water areas open to subsistence gillnet fishing are listed on the Nome Subdistrict permit. Gillnets up to 50 feet in length are allowed. By regulation no more than one-half of any channel may be blocked by gillnets. In the marine waters subsistence salmon set gillnet fishing is also allowed seven days a week and nets may be up to 300 feet in length. Beach seining for salmon is not allowed.

The series of storms the second half of August have resulted in high water preventing almost all salmon projects from operating. Only the Fish & Game test net project at Unalakleet River remains operational. Both NSEDC and Fish & Game have pulled or plan to pull all other salmon counting projects.

Subsistence permit holders are reminded that if they do set a net it must be pulled out of the water before forecasted severe weather prevents daily checks of gillnets. Permit holders can be cited for wanton waste of salmon for nets left out during storms. The sport fish limit west of Rocky Point remains three silvers a day. A reminder to hook and line subsistence permit holders that they can fish anywhere sport fishing is allowed in northern Norton Sound, but the more liberal subsistence permit catch limits are only allowed in the Nome Subdistrict subsistence areas. In all other areas hook and line subsistence permit holders must follow sport fish bag limits.

For any questions regarding salmon fishing in Norton Sound, please contact Fish & Game in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or 443-5167, or the Unalakleet Fish & Game office at 624-3921.

Good Luck and Good Fishing.